Additional development activity which has been taken place in Gujarat during the last three years

S.No.	Services	Achievement
1.	Intelligent Services Network	New technology IN SCP has been commissioned at Ahmedabad
2.	Managed Lease Line Network	MLLN Services are being provided through 93 service nodes
3.	Broadband Services	Broadband Services have been made available at Ahmedabad
4.	ISDN	152 stations provided with ISDN service
5.	SBM to RSU conversion	599 SBM converted in CDOT RSU
6.	TAX	124 Kilo Circuits of TAX Lines commissioned during last three years

Statement II

Plans formulated the provision of various Telecom Services during the year 2005-06

S.No.	Scheme/Service	Target for Gujarat for the year 2005-06
1.	Cellular Mobile Connections	11,00,000
2.	Wireless Connections	49,000
3.	WLL Connections	65,000
4.	Broadband	83,750
5.	VPTs	1,305

Provision of Telephones to Panchayats in Chhattisgarh

†3124. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had initiated an action in the year 1994 which aimed at providing a telephone to each panchayat;

(b) if so, the amount spent annually by Government so far for achieving the said target and State-wise number of panchayats to which the said facility had been provided each year, amount provided for the same during the year 2004-05;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the details of those panchayats deprived of telephone facility, State-wise; and

(d) the number of villages in the State of Chhattisgarh which are deprived of the said facility alongwith the reasons therefor, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED) (a) Yes, Sir. New Telecom Policy announced in May, 1994 envisaged coverage of all the revenue villages (including panchayats) in the country as per Census 1991 by telecom facility.

(b) The amount spent annually by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for achieving the said target is given in the enclosed statement-I (*See below*). The Telecom Circle-wise number of villages (including Panchayats) to which Telecom facility has been provided from 1994-95 to 2004-05 is given the enclosed Statement-III (*See below*).

(c) and (d) The office of the Administrator. Universal Service Obligation (USO) Fund has entered into an agreement with BSNL for providing Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in the remaining 66,822 villages in the country which are deprived of Telephone facility. This includes 5,043 villages in Chhattisgarh. These VPTs are to be provided in a phased manner by November, 2007. The Telecom Circle-wise details of 66,822 villages, excluding villages which are depopulated naxalite/insurgency infested, having population of less than hundred persons and those lying in deep forest areas, is given in the enclosed Statement-III (*See below*). The Secondary, Switching Area (SSA) wise details of 5,043 uncovered villages is given in the enclosed Statement-IV.

Statement-I

Expenditure Till date on provisioning of village panchayat telephone system

Year	Amount (Rs. In crore)
2000-01* (w.e.f. 01.10.2000)	386.52
2001-02	617.50
2002-03	724.44
2003-04	701.50
2004-05	721.17

*The BSNL was formed only on 01.10.2000.

Statement-II

Circle-wise Achievement of VPTs by BSNL from 1994—2005

S. No.	Circles	1994-95 Achievement	1995-96 Achievement	1996-97 Achievement	1997-98 Achievement	1998-99 Achievement	1999-2000 Achievement	2000-01 Achievement	2001-02 Achievement	2002-03 Achievement	2003-04 Achievement	2004-05 Achievement
1.	Andman & Nicobar	55	36	75	30	56	55	8	0	1	0	0
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2014	2601	2619	1566	526	15	4	18	0	0	180
3.	Assam	2010	2015	1665	2484	2907	826	336	2501	1007	1354	1956
4.	Bihar	2595	1246	3526	2615	2137	4602	2276	15612	9061	0	0
5.	Jharkhand							0	9980	0	634	64
6.	Gujarat	3041	636	1505	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1130
7.	Haryana	1335	510	1204	195	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
8.	Himachal Pradesh	720	1005	1034	1504	2577	2577	4002	4507	205	2	
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	421	297	730	437	763	448	229	50	177	537	201
10.	Karnataka	5074	3178	4120	3389	2521	2455	1255	4	6	0	0
11.	Kerala	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Madhya Pradesh								312	0	4	2549
13.	Chhattisgarh	7869	2026	7355	3878	3707	3546	1527	3677	248	0	167
14.	Maharashtra	5125	3600	4727	2761	2472	165	0	0	0	0	1437
15.	North East-I								368	389	847	167
16.	North East-II	512	406	644	474	404	303	309	147	135	907	269
17.	Orissa	3531	3961	3423	2402	2242	2102	2037	10392	5078	318	0
18.	Punjab	605	338	3506	1327	173	39	564	0	0	0	0
19.	Rajasthan	4011	2122	5051	3269	2585	548	98	33	0	0	1073
20.	Tamil Nadu	1573	1081	2608	2530	196	11	53	1	0	0	0
21.	Uttar Pradesh (E)			5702	8618	8219	8303	14643	8179	6651	35	6
22.	Uttar Pradesh (W)		3007					3167	2402	0	0	0
23.	Uttaranchal	5200	685	4000	2197	2937	4440	3167	2162	1627	99	111
24.	West Bengal	1950	2691	2860	3157	4005	3530	3805	10357	3147	0	0
25	Calcutta	0	56	365	22	0	0	0	53	0	0	0
26.	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total :	47659	31497	56719	42855	37058	33965	34317	70755	36929	4737	9310

Statement-III

VPTs awarded to BSNL by USO

Sl. No.	Circle	Total VPTs as per USO Tender
1.	Andman & Nicobar	0
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1074
3.	Assam	8931
4.	Bihar	0
5.	Jaharkhand	1694
6.	Gujarat	4144
7.	Haryana	0
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1002
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1755
10.	Karnataka	0
11.	Kerala	0
12.	Madhya Pradesh	11894
13.	Chhattisgarh	5043
14.	Maharashtra	6441
15.	North East-I	2128
16.	North East-II	1550
17.	Orissa	4899
18.	Punjab	0
19.	Rajasthan	12386
20.	Tamil Nadu	0
21.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	0
22.	Uttar Pradesh (W)	0
23.	Uttaranchal	3881
24.	West Bengal	0
	TOTAL:	66822

Statement-IV

SSA-wise Details of Villages without VPTs in the State of Chhatisgarh

Sl. No.	Name of SSA	Total Number of Villages
1.	Bastar	1734
2.	Bilaspur	67
3.	Durg	593
4.	Raigarh	236
5.	Raipur	563
6.	Sarguja	1850
	TOTAL:	5043

Setting up of community information centres in Tamil Nadu

3125. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any Community Information Centres (CICs) in the hilly and far-flung areas of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any target has been fixed to set up CICs in the State of Tamil Nadu in the near future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Department of Information Technology is in the process of formulating a plan to facilitate establishment of Common Services Centres (CSCs) in rural areas across the country including State of Tamilnadu. For this purpose, draft guidelines have been prepared which aim to promote establishment of CSCs through appropriate Public Private Parternships (PPPs). Such Centres would have flexibility to offer a mix of services